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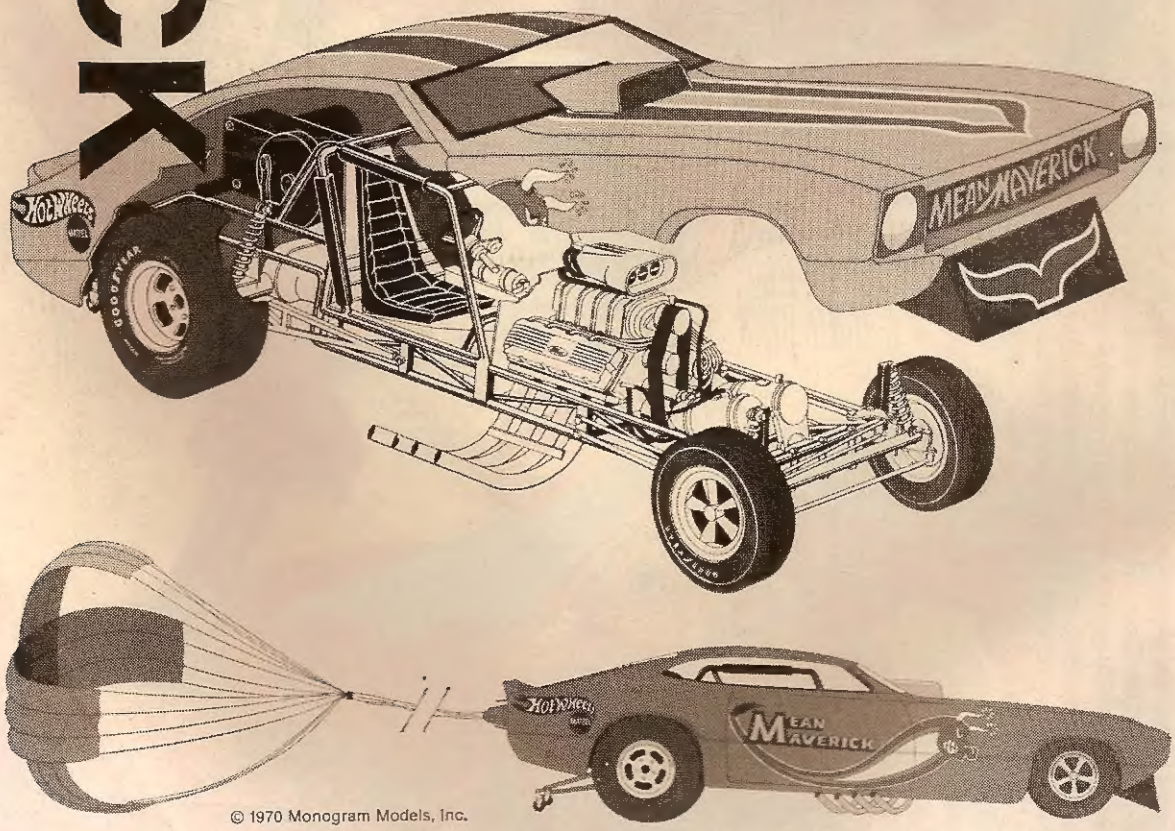

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LINDA LEE DANVERS, ALIAS SUPERGIRL, SITS IN HER ROOM AT STANHOPE COLLEGE, WATCHING TELEVISION AND SEWING UP THE RIPS AND TEARS (IN HER NEW-- AND NOT YET INVULNERABLE UNIFORM)-- PUT THERE DURING HER LAST ADVENTURE.
I STILL GET A KICK OUT OF THE LATE MOVIES--
THEY'RE KIND OF DATED--BUT STILL FUN!
FINISHED!
GOING TO HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT MAKING MY NEW COSTUME AS RESISTENT TO WEAR AND TEAR AS THE OLD ONE!
AS THE PICTURE ENDS-- AN ANNOUNCER COMES ON, AND...
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN-- AND ONE GIRL IN PARTICULAR-- IF SHE'S WATCHING.
WE'VE JUST RECEIVED THIS APPEAL--
--AN APPEAL FOR HELP-- AN APPEAL TO SUPERGIRL FOR HELP!
WHAT?
STARTLED, LINDA WATCHES AND LISTENS--
WELL--THIS IS CERTAINLY AN UNUSUAL WAY TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ME!
IF YOU'RE LISTENING, SUPERGIRL, HERE IS THE MESSAGE!
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SUPERGIRL, IF YOU HEAR ME--PLEASE HELP ME--ONLY YOU CAN! I CANNOT GIVE MY NAME AND ADDRESS OVER THE AIR--
IT IS TOO DANGEROUS!
BUT I HAVE THOUGHT OF A WAY YOU AND ONLY YOU CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH ME!
A PHONE NUMBER AND ADDRESS WILL BE FLASHED ON THE SCREEN--FASTER THAN A NORMAL HUMAN EYE CAN SEE--
BUT WITH YOUR SUPER-VISION--YOU'LL HAVE NO TROUBLE READING IT!
LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO AGAIN PUT OFF MAKING MY COSTUME INVULNERABLE--
THE NUMBER WILL BE SHOWN ALL WEEK EVERY HALF HOUR--
SHOULD ANYONE TRY TO OPEN THE CASE--THE TAPE WILL SELF DESTRUCT!
THIS MESSAGE IS FOR SUPERGIRL'S EYES ONLY!
WHAT TO THE AVERAGE EYE IS JUST A MEANINGLESS BLUR...
--COMES ACROSS CLEARLY TO THE MAID OF MIGHT'S SUPER-VISION...
PHONE 934-2076
HOME ADDRESS 301 LAKEVIEW DRIVE EASTERNVILLE, ILLINOIS
GOING TO THE PHONE, SUPERGIRL STARTS DIALING...
ANYONE WHO'S GONE TO THIS EXPENSE AND TROUBLE TO REACH ONLY ME HAS GOT ME CURIOUS AND INTERESTED!
HARDLY HAS THE FIRST RING STOPPED RINGING--AND THE PHONE IS ANSWERED...
SUPERGIRL--THANK GOODNESS! THEN YOU DID GET MY MESSAGE!
YES, I DID--AND A VERY CLEVER WAY OF REACHING ME I MUST SAY! CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT AND WHAT I CAN DO TO HELP YOU THAT NO ONE ELSE CAN'T?
IT'S A GIRL'S VOICE--SOMEHON--IT'S FAMILIAR--
BUT I CAN'T PLACE IT!
NOT OVER THE PHONE--IT'S TOO LONG A STORY! PLEASE, CAN YOU COME AND SEE ME--THERE'S NO ONE ELSE--PLEASE--YOU HAVE MY ADDRESS..
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SUPERGIRL SLOWLY CRADLES THE PHONE-- DEEP IN THOUGHT--
WELL, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO FIND OUT WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT--
BESIDES, I'M NOT DOING ANYTHING NOW--
SECONDS LATER, A BLUE AND RED CLAD FIGURE HURTLES INTO THE NIGHT AS SUPERGIRL SPEEDS OUT OF THE DISUSED CHIMNEY WHICH HOUSES HER SECRET HEADQUARTERS AND CONNECTS WITH HER ROOM...
SO I JUST VISIT THAT ADDRESS!
WHOA! SLOW DOWN!
NOT SO FAST-- OR YOUR COSTUME WILL CATCH FIRE FROM THE FRICTION, OLD GIRL!
MEANWHILE, NOT TOO FAR AWAY AS THE SUPERGIRL FLIES, THREE BIZARRE CHARACTERS CACKLE, GRIN AND CHUCKLE IN HIGH GLEE, AS--
CACKLE-- I TOLD YOU IT WOULD WORK--
I WAS RIGHT, EH, L. FINN, TOYMASTER?
AYE-- RIGHT YOU WERE, INVENTOR-- SHE'S TAKEN THE HOOK!
AND SOON WE GIVE THE LINE AND SINK-HER!
IF YOU'LL FORGIVE THE PUN! HEE HEE!
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SUPERGIRL
WHO ARE THE WEIRD THREE? WELL, THERE ARE ACTUALLY FOUR! YOU DON'T KNOW THE FIRST THREE--INVENTOR--L. FINN AND TOYMASTER--BUT YOU'LL GET TO KNOW THEM BETTER AS YOU READ ON--
THE FOURTH ONE YOU DO KNOW--YOU MET HER AS THE--
BLACK FLAME--AND WHAT DO YOU THINK OF MY LITTLE INVENTION TO GET SUPERGIRL HERE?
VERY CLEVER! YOUR INVENTION--AND A LITTLE PSYCHOLOGY--
--AROUSE A FEMALE'S CURIOSITY!
--HEE-HEE--AND SHE CAN'T REST UNTIL SHE SATISFIES THAT SAME CURIOSITY!
NOT EVEN SUPERGIRL IS IMMUNE TO THAT FEMALE TRAIT!
RETURN OF THE BLACK FLAME
STORY: MIKE SEKOWSKY
ART: MIKE SEKOWSKY
INKING: JACK ABEL
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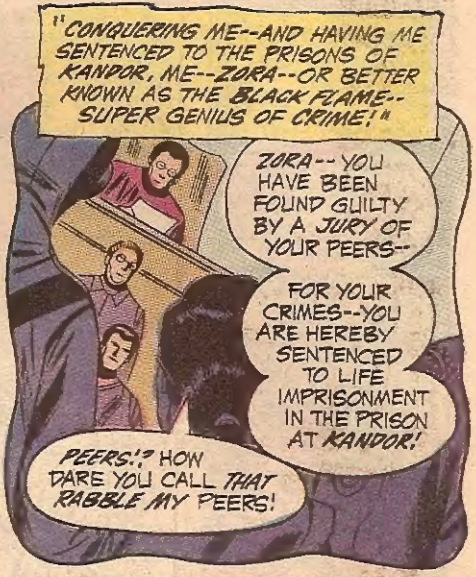
SEE HOW SHE COMES-- NOT KNOWING THAT SHE IS FLYING TO HER--
DOOM!

NOW I WILL GET MY REVENGE ON HER FOR MEDDLING IN MY AFFAIRS--


"CONQUERING ME--AND HAVING ME SENTENCED TO THE PRISONS OF KANDOR, ME--ZORA--OR BETTER KNOWN AS THE BLACK FLAME-- SUPER GENIUS OF CRIME!"
ZORA-- YOU HAVE BEEN FOUND GUILTY BY A JURY OF YOUR PEERS--
FOR YOUR CRIMES--YOU ARE HEREBY SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT IN THE PRISON AT KANDOR!
PEERS!? HOW DARE YOU CALL THAT RABBLE MY PEERS!

"EVEN AS THE PRISON DOORS CLANGED SHUT ON ME, I VOWED--"
SOMEDAY SOON I'LL GET MY REVENGE ON SUPERGIRL FOR PUTTING ME IN HERE!
THEY WON'T KEEP ME IN HERE LONG!

"--THEN AS TIME WENT ON-- THE LITTLE PILES OF METAL AND WIRE AND CRYSTAL I PICKED UP AND GOT FROM THE OTHER PRISONERS TOOK SHAPE--AS A GUN!"
CRUDE-- ONLY GOOD FOR ONE CHARGE AS A STUN-GUN--
BUT IT'S MY ONE-WAY-TICKET OUT OF HERE!

"ON A COLD, RAINY NIGHT--I MADE MY TRY AT ESCAPE--"
ZANG
GOT HIM!

"QUICKLY I RELIEVED THE UNCONSCIOUS GUARD OF HIS FULLY-CHARGED STUN-GUN--"

"--AVOIDED THE SEARCH-BEAMS AND OTHER GUARDS, FINALLY REACHED THE GARAGE HOUSING THE SPACE FLYERS OF THE GUARDS, WHERE--"
ZANG
ZANG

"THEN AMID A HAIL OF DEADLY BLAST-RAY BOLTS, I ROARED TO FREEDOM!"
FREE! I MADE IT!
NOW FOR YOU, SUPERGIRL!
BUT FIRST--

BUT FIRST--TO THE PHANTOM ZONE!
I'M GOING TO NEED SOME HELP ON THIS TRIP!
AND I THINK I KNOW JUST WHO I'LL NEED!
"THE PHANTOM ZONE--WHERE THE CRIMINALS OF MANY GALAXY'S ARE KEPT--AND AFTER I BLASTED THE GUARD BUBBLE WATCHING THEM, I WAS FREE TO ENTER IT..."
HOLD IT!
NONE BUT THE THREE I CALL MOVE!
"CALLING FOR THE INVENTOR, L. FINN AND THE TOYMASTER, I HELD THE OTHERS AT BAY UNTIL THE THREE CRIMINALS I WANTED CLIMBED ABOARD..."
I CAN ONLY TAKE THREE!
BUT THIS I PROMISE YOU--
AS SOON AS I TAKE CARE OF OUR ARCH ENEMY SUPERGIRL--
I'LL COME BACK AND FREE YOU ALL!
TOGETHER--WE SHALL CONQUER AND RULE THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE!
AND NOW, BACK TO THE PRESENT--WHERE WE SEE--
SHE'S LANDING--
AS SUPERGIRL KNOCKS ON THE GREAT DOOR...
SPOOKY OLD PLACE--BUT A GOOD HIDEOUT IF YOU NEED ONE!
NOW--AT LAST! SUPERGIRL--I'VE GOT YOU--WHERE I WANT YOU!
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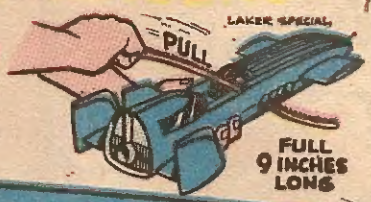

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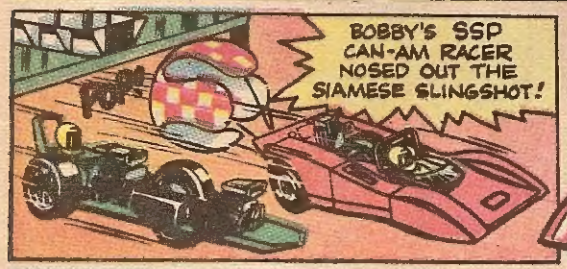

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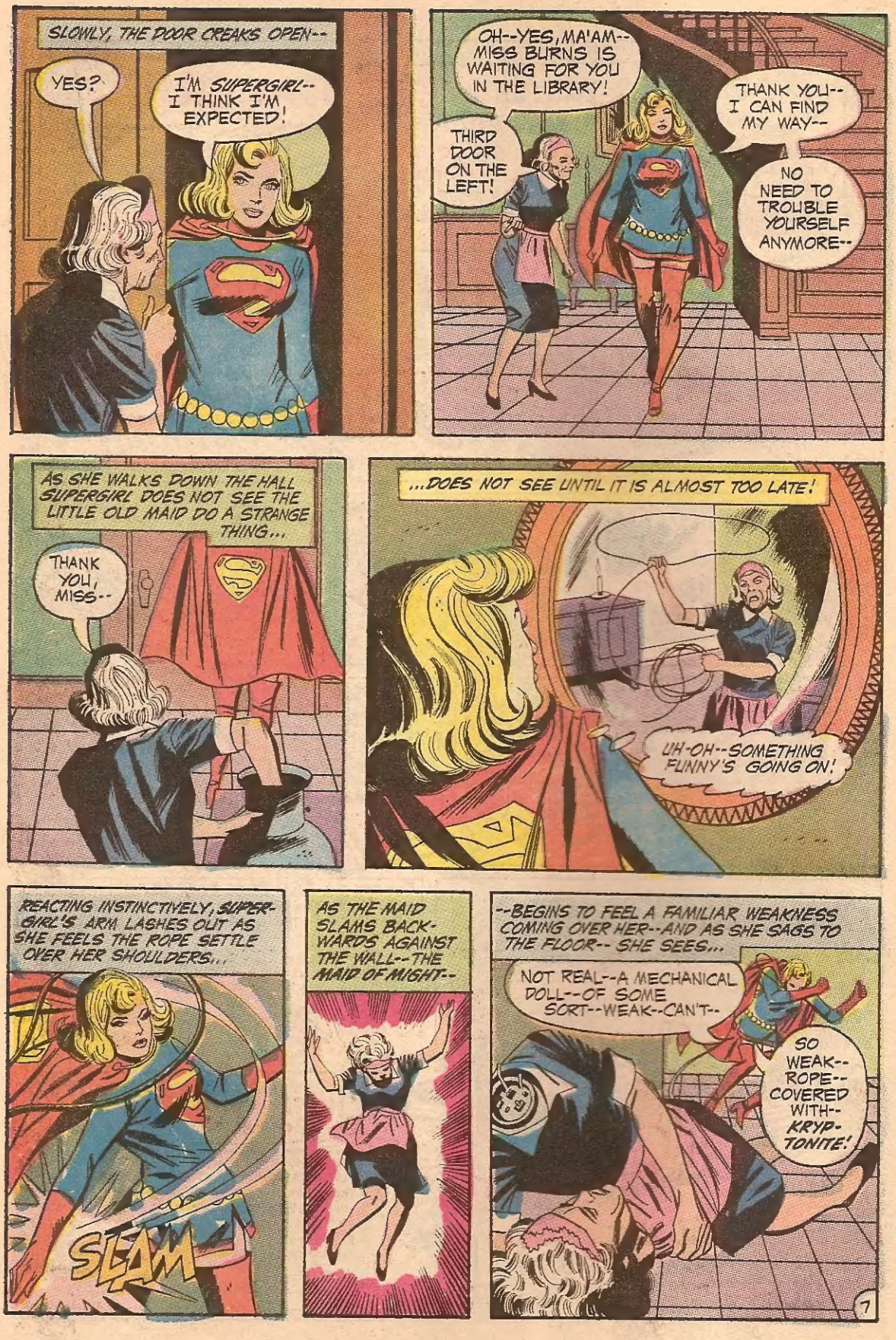
SLOWLY, THE DOOR CREAKS OPEN--
YES?
I'M SUPERGIRL--I THINK I'M EXPECTED!
OH--YES, MA'AM--MISS BURNS IS WAITING FOR YOU IN THE LIBRARY!
THIRD DOOR ON THE LEFT!
THANK YOU--I CAN FIND MY WAY--
NO NEED TO TROUBLE YOURSELF ANYMORE--
AS SHE WALKS DOWN THE HALL SUPERGIRL DOES NOT SEE THE LITTLE OLD MAID DO A STRANGE THING...
THANK YOU, MISS--
...DOES NOT SEE UNTIL IT IS ALMOST TOO LATE!
UH-OH--SOMETHING FUNNY'S GOING ON!
REACTING INSTINCTIVELY, SUPERGIRL'S ARM LASHES OUT AS SHE FEELS THE ROPE SETTLE OVER HER SHOULDERS...
SLAM
AS THE MAID SLAMS BACKWARDS AGAINST THE WALL--THE MAID OF MIGHT--
--BEGINS TO FEEL A FAMILIAR WEAKNESS COMING OVER HER--AND AS SHE SAGS TO THE FLOOR-- SHE SEES...
NOT REAL--A MECHANICAL DOLL--OF SOME SORT--WEAK--CAN'T--
SO WEAK--ROPE--COVERED WITH--KRYPTONITE!
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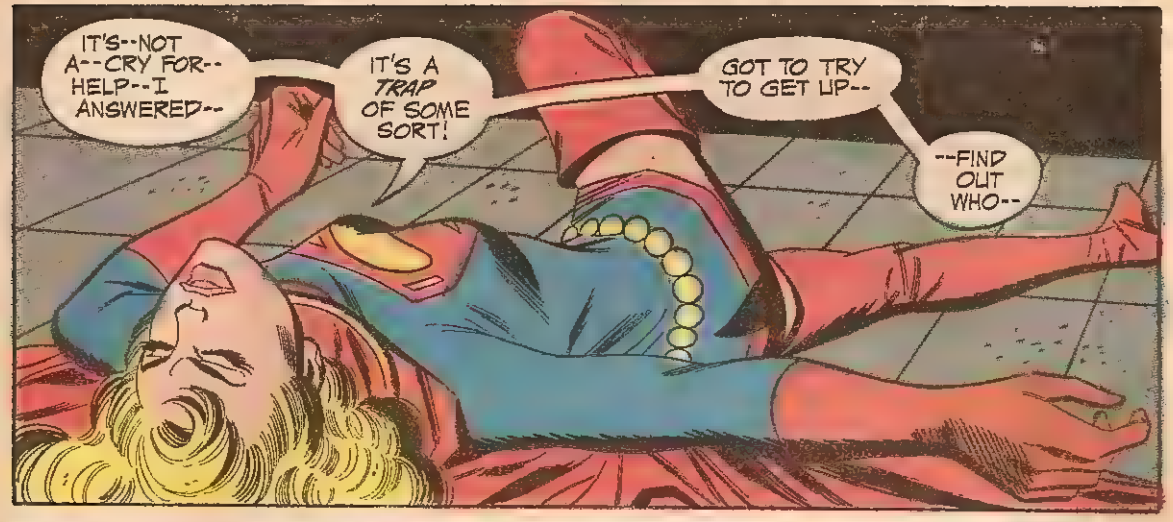

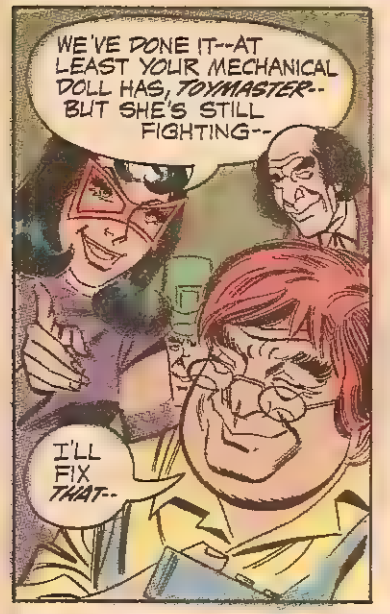

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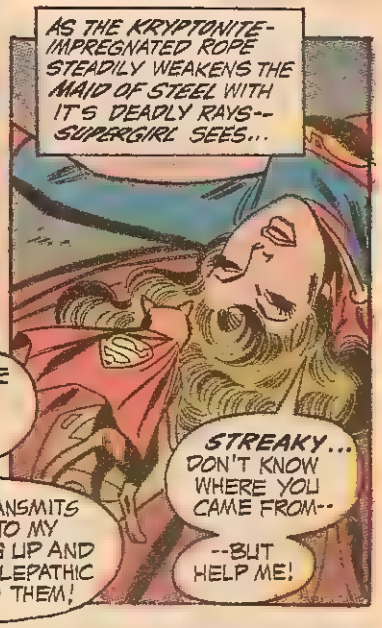
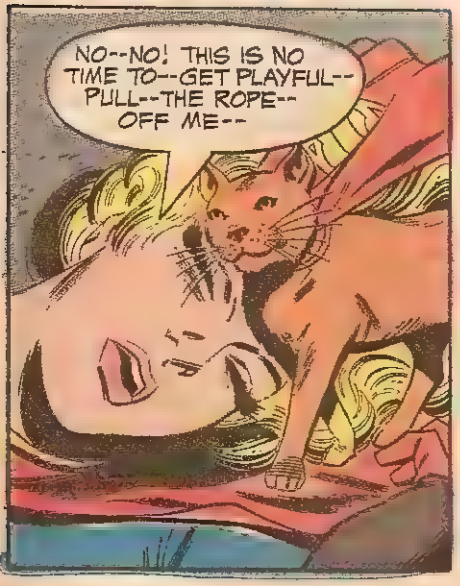
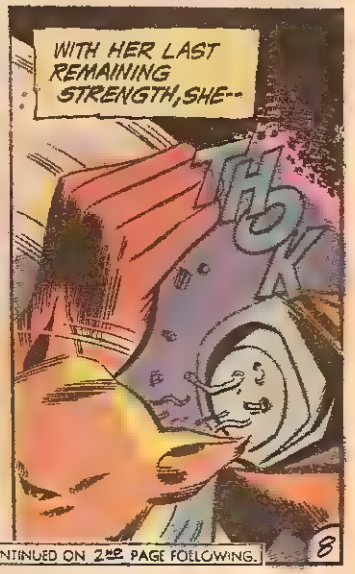

AS THE KRYPTONITE-IMPREGNATED ROPE STEADILY WEAKENS THE MAID OF STEEL WITH IT'S DEADLY RAYS--SUPERGIRL SEES...
STREAKY... DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU CAME FROM--
--BUT HELP ME!





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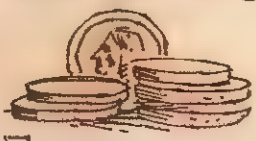

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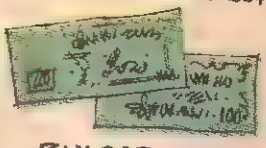

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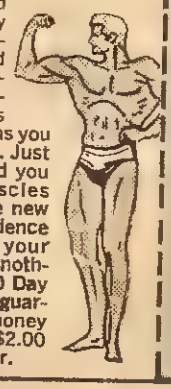

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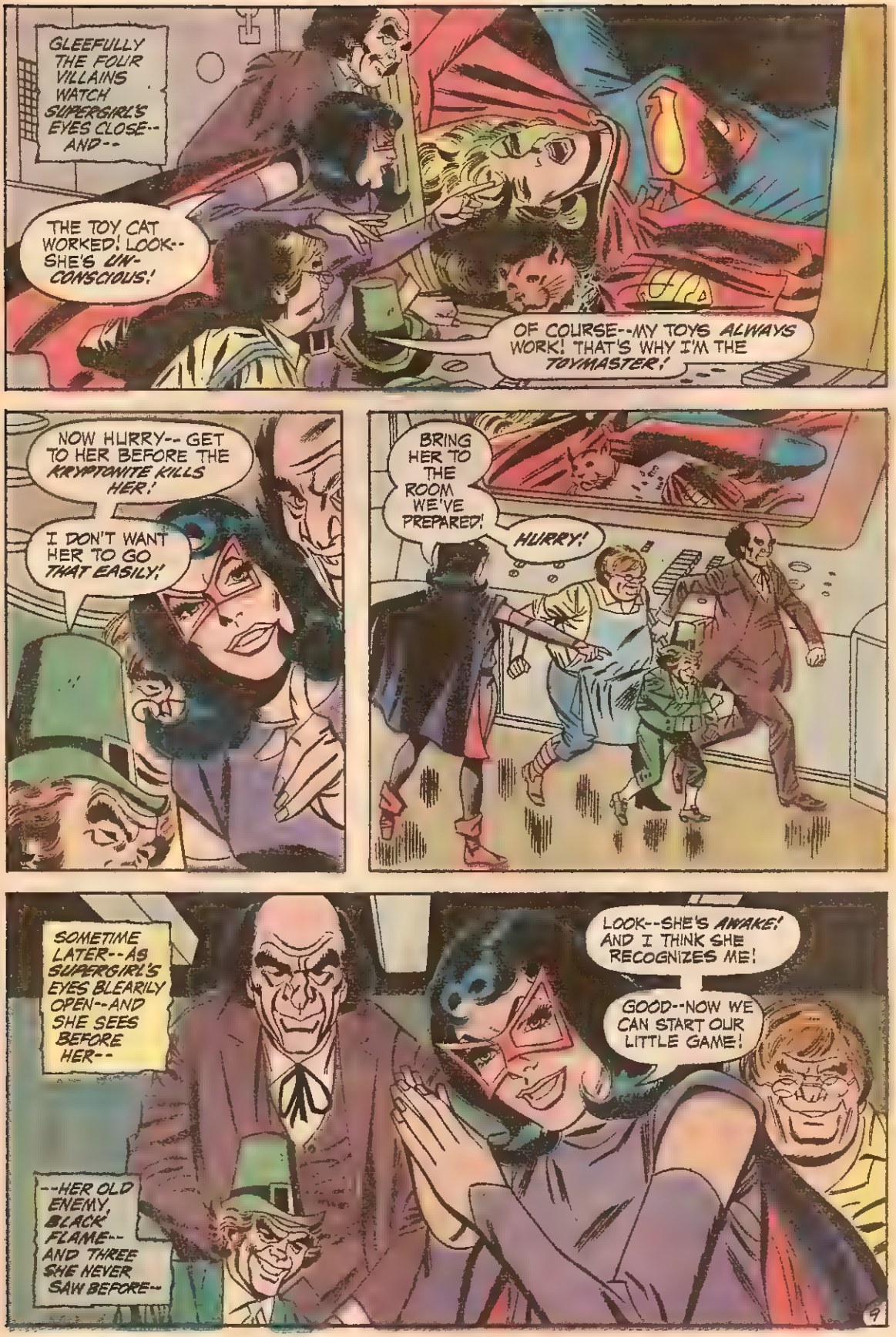
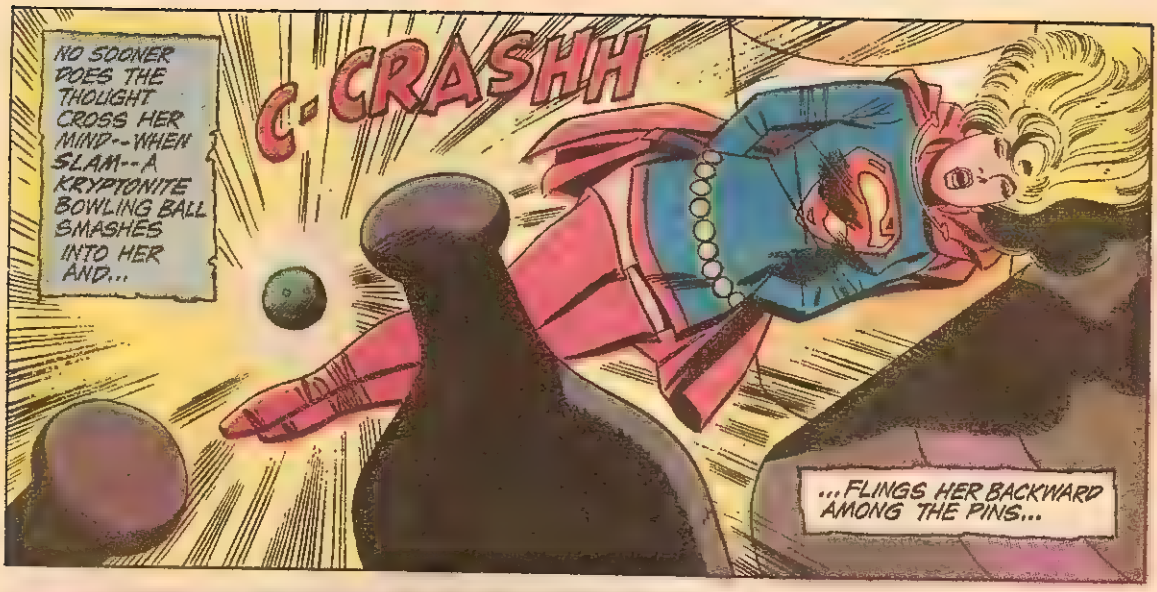

GLEEFULLY THE FOUR VILLAINS WATCH SUPERGIRL'S EYES CLOSE-- AND--
THE TOY CAT WORKED! LOOK-- SHE'S UN-CONSCIOUS!
OF COURSE--MY TOYS ALWAYS WORK! THAT'S WHY I'M THE TOYMASTER!
NOW HURRY-- GET TO HER BEFORE THE KRYPTONITE KILLS HER!
I DON'T WANT HER TO GO THAT EASILY!
BRING HER TO THE ROOM WE'VE PREPARED!
HURRY!
SOMETIME LATER--AS SUPERGIRL'S EYES BLEARILY OPEN--AND SHE SEES BEFORE HER--
--HER OLD ENEMY, BLACK FLAME-- AND THREE SHE NEVER SAW BEFORE--
LOOK--SHE'S AWAKE! AND I THINK SHE RECOGNIZES ME!
GOOD--NOW WE CAN START OUR LITTLE GAME!

UNABLE TO MOVE--SUPERGIRL LOOKS WEAKLY AROUND HER--THEN--AS SHE REGAINS MORE OF HER SENSES--
A GIANT BOWLING ALLEY--AND I SEEM TO BE THE KING PIN!
CLEVER--ISN'T SHE CLEVER THOUGH?!
YOU'RE RIGHT, SUPERGIRL--
--AND YOU'RE BOUND WITH THIN--EXTREMELY TOUGH NYLON CORD WHICH IS COMPLETELY COVERED WITH FINELY POWDERED KRYPTONITE!
NOT ENOUGH TO DESTROY YOU--BUT ENOUGH TO KEEP YOU SO THOROUGHLY WEAKENED--
THAT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO BREAK FREE--
--AND--
--INTERRUPT OUR LITTLE GAME OF BOWLING--
WE CALL IT--THREE STRIKES--AND YOU'RE DEAD!
YOU'LL SOON FIND OUT WHY!

HERE GOES!
THE BLACK FLAME ROCKETS A BOWLING BALL MADE OF SOLID KRYPTONITE STRAIGHT AT THE ALMOST HELPLESS SUPERGIRL...
SAVE SOME FOR US, BLACK FLAME!
BUT SHE STILL HAS A LITTLE GOING FOR HER, AND SUPERGIRL JUST MANAGES TO AVOID THE FIRST BALL--
--BUT IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME, SHE REALIZES, BEFORE THEY SCORE ON HER!
FRAK
LET ME AT 'ER!
I'LL SHOW YE HOW TO DO IT!


NO SOONER DOES THE THOUGHT CROSS HER MIND--WHEN SLAM--A KRYPTONITE BOWLING BALL SMASHES INTO HER AND...
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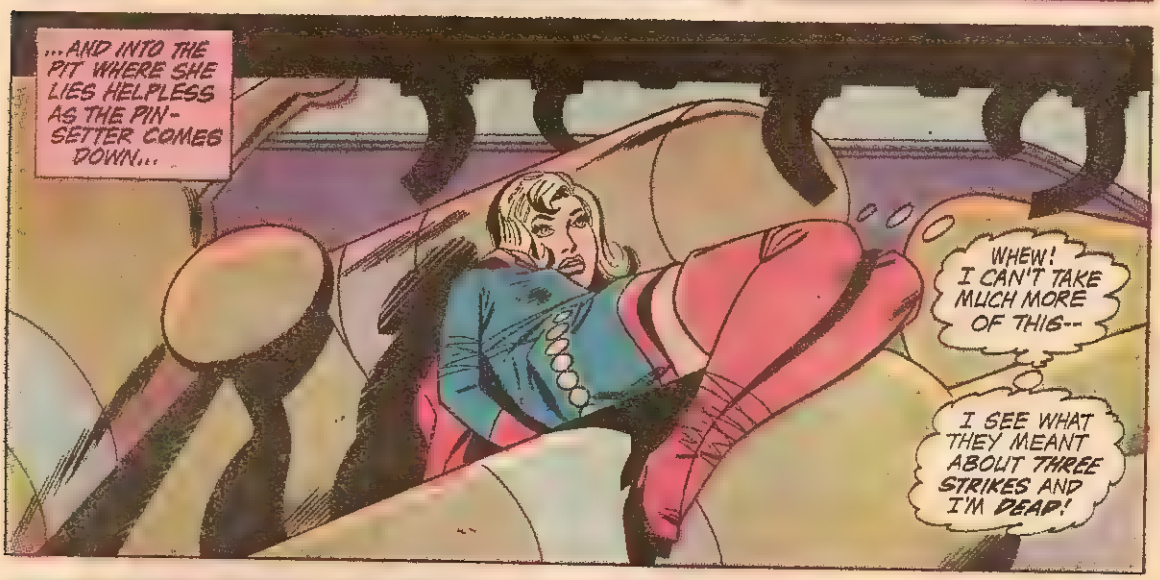
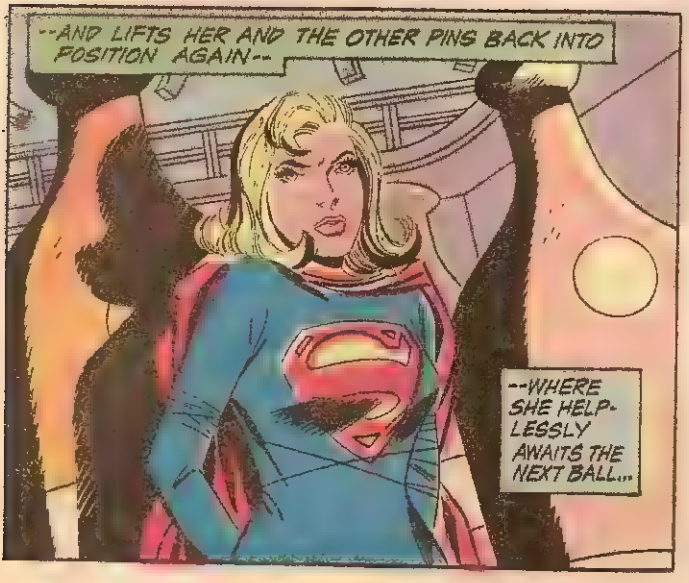
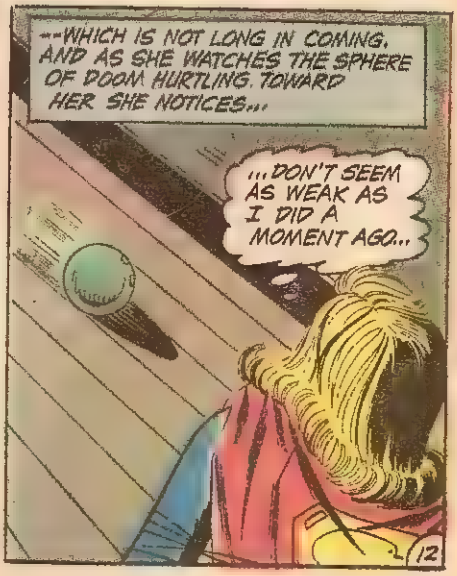
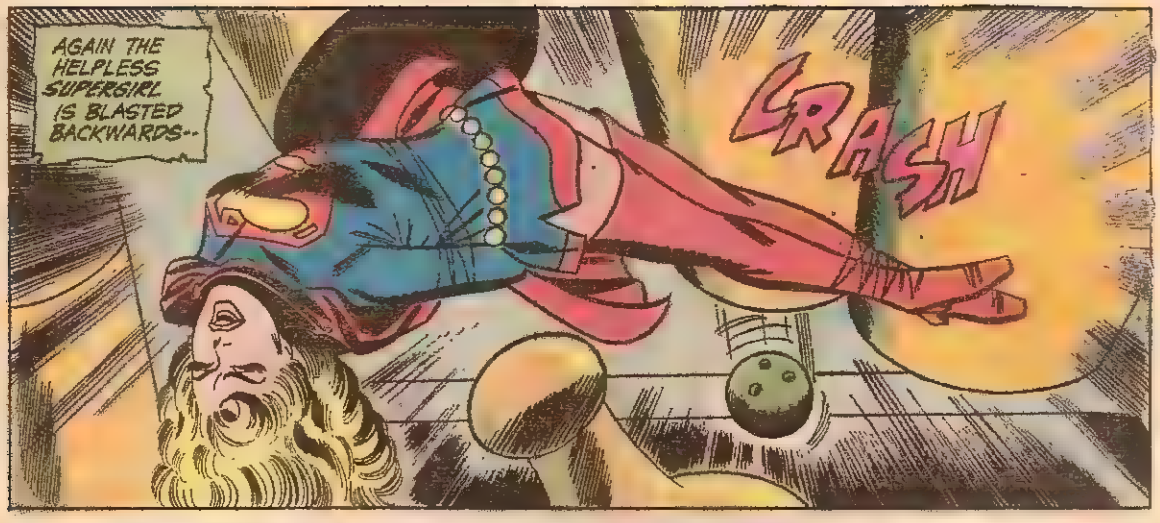
...FLINGS HER BACKWARD AMONG THE PINS...

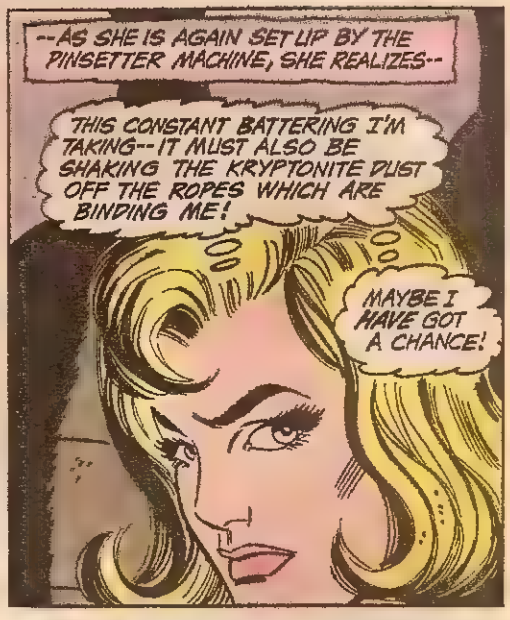

...AND INTO THE PIT WHERE SHE LIES HELPLESS AS THE PIN-SETTER COMES DOWN...
WHEW! I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS--
I SEE WHAT THEY MEANT ABOUT THREE STRIKES AND I'M DEAD!

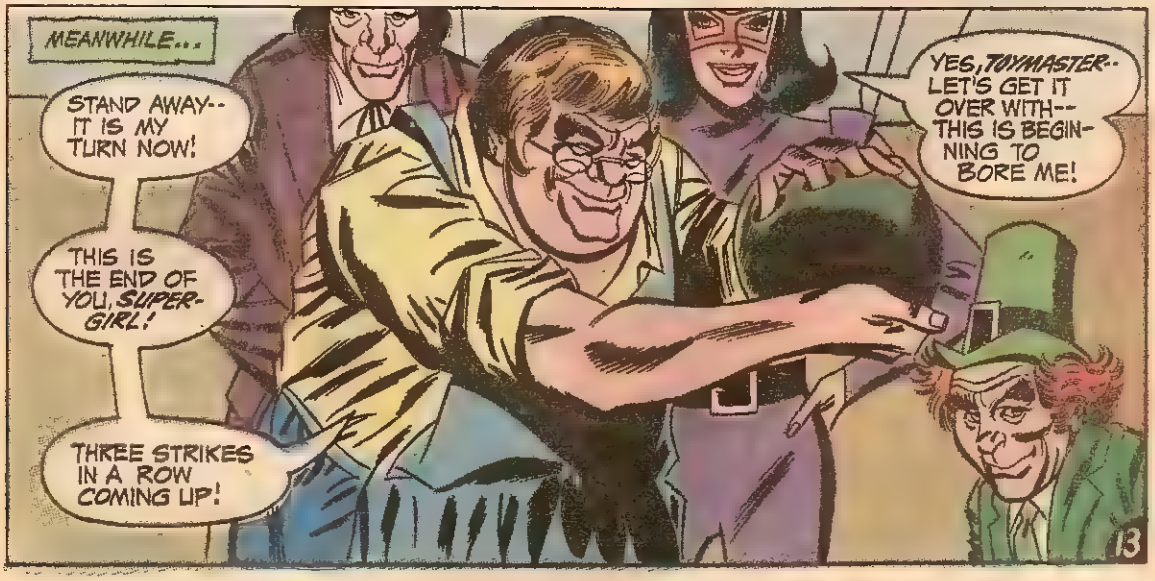

--AND LIFTS HER AND THE OTHER PINS BACK INTO POSITION AGAIN--
--WHERE SHE HELPLESSLY AWAITS THE NEXT BALL...


--WHICH IS NOT LONG IN COMING, AND AS SHE WATCHES THE SPHERE OF DOOM HURTLING TOWARD HER SHE NOTICES...
...DON'T SEEM AS WEAK AS I DID A MOMENT AGO..


AGAIN THE HELPLESS SUPERGIRL IS BLASTED BACKWARDS--
CRASH

AS SHE LIES AMONG THE PINS--SHE AGAIN FEELS A SURGE OF STRENGTH RETURNING TO HER--
IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN--SOMETHING--I KNOW--


--AS SHE IS AGAIN SET UP BY THE PINSETTER MACHINE, SHE REALIZES--
THIS CONSTANT BATTERING I'M TAKING--IT MUST ALSO BE SHAKING THE KRYPTONITE DUST OFF THE ROPES WHICH ARE BINDING ME!
MAYBE I HAVE GOT A CHANCE!


MEANWHILE...
STAND AWAY--IT IS MY TURN NOW!
THIS IS THE END OF YOU, SUPERGIRL!
THREE STRIKES IN A ROW COMING UP!
YES, TOYMASTER--LET'S GET IT OVER WITH--THIS IS BEGINNING TO BORE ME!

BUT TOYMASTER'S AIM IS NOT AS GOOD AS HE THINKS IT IS...
GET BACK, YOU FOOL!
LET ME SHOW YOU HOW!
SWIFTLY, THE BLACK FLAME ROCKETS THE KRYPTONITE BALL AT THE MAID OF STEEL...
WHAM
STRIKE!
STRIKE TWO COMING UP!
YOU DID IT, BLACK FLAME!
ONLY ONE MORE!
COMING RIGHT UP!

AGAIN THE BALL SCREAMS DOWN THE BOWLING ALLEY OF DEATH--STRAIGHT AT SUPERGIRL, BUT--
IT'S RIGHT ON!
--BUT WHERE SUPERGIRL HAD BEEN A SPLIT SECOND BEFORE--THERE IS NOTHING!
CRAWNG
IT'S A--
STRIKE!
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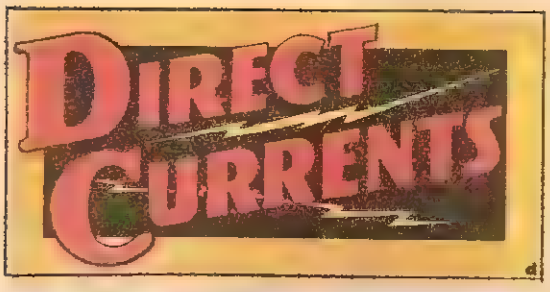


ALL-STAR WESTERN brings you the second stirring episodes in two new series when its **January** issue (#3) hits the stands, **Oct. 15!** You'll see **Gil Kane's** fabulous work on **OUTLAW** and **Gray Morrow's** amazing art on **EL DIABLO!** Both stories came from the enchanted typewriter of **Bob Kanigher,** who does everything from Romance to War—and does it **well!** If the **Old West** is your bag, this is where it is! So **get it!**

When **Alfred's** niece takes a job in an eerie manor, the **BATMAN** decides to snoop around and see what strange things are going on. What he finds is much more than he ever expected—**"The Demon of Gothos Mansion"**—one of the weirdest tales of the **Caped Crime-fighter's** career. Also in this **December** issue (#227), **Robin** starts a new series of solo adventures in the **BATMAN** mag. The one's called **"Help Me—I Think I'm Dead!"** If that title grabs you, be sure and grab the magazine on **Oct. 10.**

THE FLASH heads for movieland and runs smack-dab into an eerie set of happenings that would put a horror movie to shame. What can I say after I've said the title—**"The Satan Circle"?** And for you **Kid Flash** fans, editor **Julie Schwartz** promises a stirring solo adventure called **"The Accusation"**—full of top **Flash**-y action. This is the **December** issue (#202), on sale **Oct. 20.**

There's a **double** treat in the **January WITCHING HOUR!** Author **Steve Skeates** proves he's a triple-threat man with three stories—all based on the **double** nature of man! **Gil Kane** and **Dan Adkins** turned out a top job on **"Double Cross"; Al Toth** did the art honors on **"Double Edge"**; and **George Tuska** handled the third tale—**"Double Take"!** Our **Witches** will be there to introduce the fright-tales that tell of **"Double, double** toil and trouble!" It's issue **12,** on sale **Oct. 22.**

Enemy Ace and the **Unknown Soldier** headline the great **January** ish of **STAR SPANGLED WAR STORIES! Rittmeister Von Hammer** soars through 15 pages of searing air action in the skies of **World War I!** Then comes the intriguing origin of the **Unknown Soldier!** If you haven't seen these fab features, which have the comic world talking, you'd better get **SS #154** when it goes on sale—**Oct. 22.**

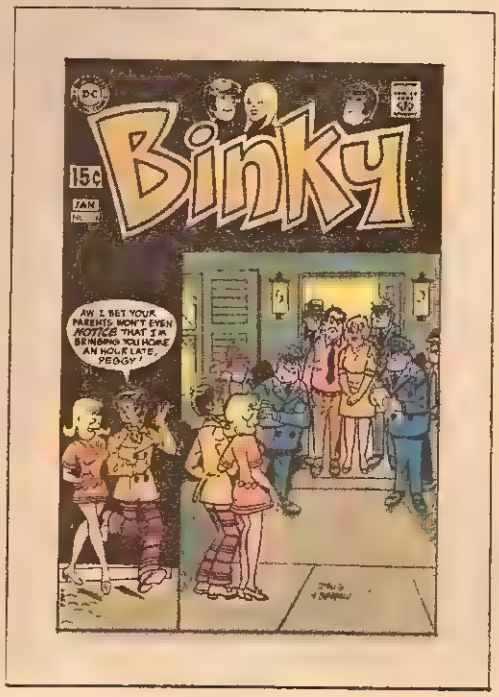
One of the most offbeat tales of the year comes along in **THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD #93 (January).** Can you picture the **Batman** in the **House of Mystery?** Well, that's it—a weirdie introduced by that little old caretaker, **Cain,** and featuring the **Masked Manhunter.** Scripting honors this time go to the devastating **Denny O'Neil,** while the artwork was done by amazing **Neal Adams!** If it's something different you hanker after, this is a must! It's on sale **Oct. 27.**

The **December** issue of **ADVENTURE** is **#400** . . . and marks the **35th anniversary** of the mag, which started with the **December, 1935** issue as NEW COMICS. For the occasion, **Mike Sekowsky** has answered one of the most persistent requests from you fans—to bring back their favorite villainess, **Black Flame,** to battle **Supergirl** once more! Three of the criminals from the **Phantom Zone** get into the act, too—in an issue that is really **Special!** It goes on sale **Oct. 29!**

You met the **League of Assassins** in the November issue of **DETECTIVE** (and if you didn't, you missed a doozy of a story)! Now, in the **December** issue, this band of killers is back to battle the **Batman** in a tension-tale titled **"Your Servant of Death—Dr. Darrk!"** Also, with **Robin** moving over to BATMAN, **Batgirl** takes over the second spot in **DETECTIVE** on a regular basis, beginning with this issue—**#406**—in a tale which is sheer dynamite—as you can gather from its title—**The Explosive Circle!"** On sale **Oct. 29.**

Prepare to learn the mysterious **"Secret of Superman's Fortress"**—something the **Man of Might** has hidden from the world, but which is revealed to you in the **December** issue of **ACTION!** That's not all, either; a brand-new, updated diagram of the **Fortress of Solitude** is included here, in issue **395.** Find out all you've wanted to know about **Superman's** secret sanctum—and top it off with an intriguing tale called **"Cards of Catastrophe!"** It's on sale **Oct. 29!**

And before I go, let me put in a plug for **DC's** great laugh-getters—**BINKY** (on sale **Oct. 7**), **SUGAR AND SPIKE** (on sale **Oct. 13**) and **DEBBI'S DATES** (on sale **Oct. 22**). To try to tell you what's in each one would be impossible in this small space—and it's going to become more impossible. Because, beginning with the **1971** issues, **DATE WITH DEBBI, BINKY, SCOOTER** and **THE THREE MOUSEKETEERS** are all becoming **64-page GIANTS!** And they'll remain on their current bi-monthly schedules! That's **24** king-size laugh-zines a year!



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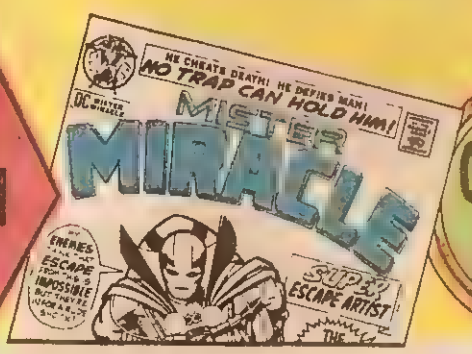
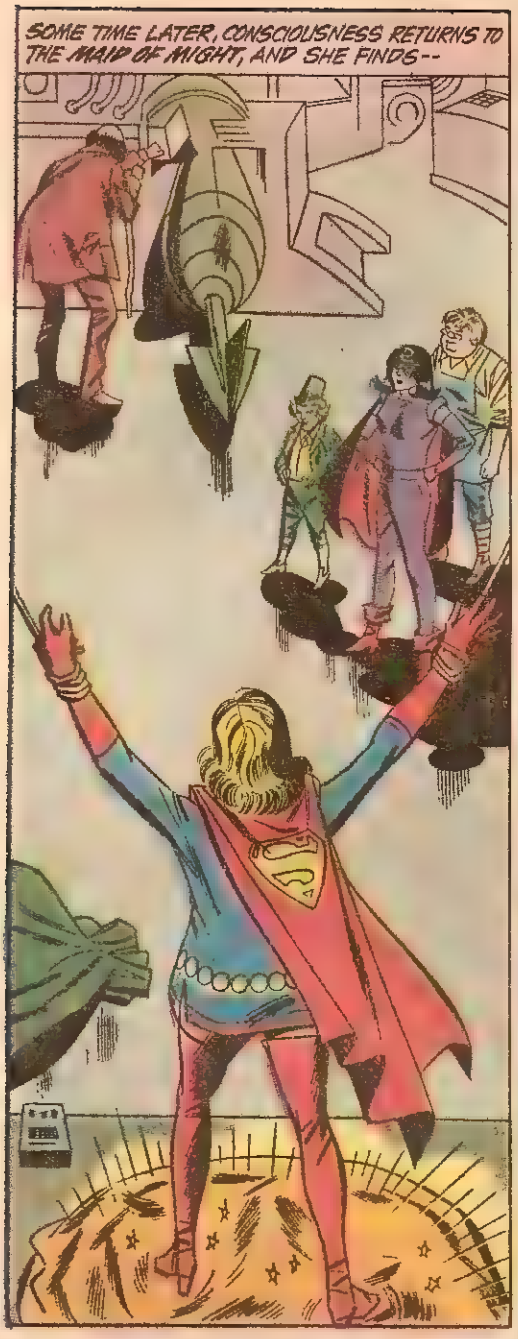
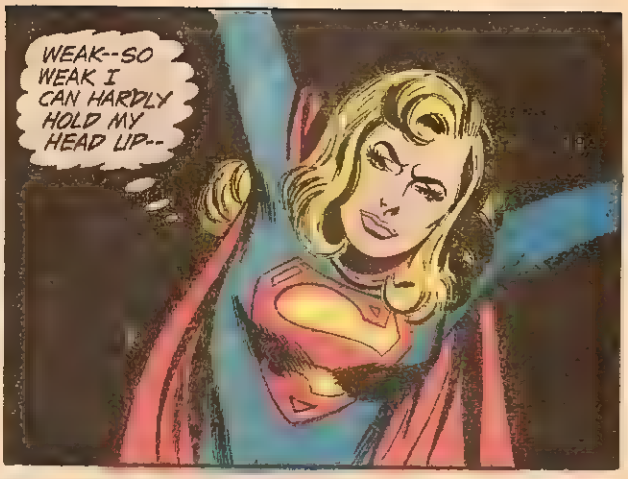


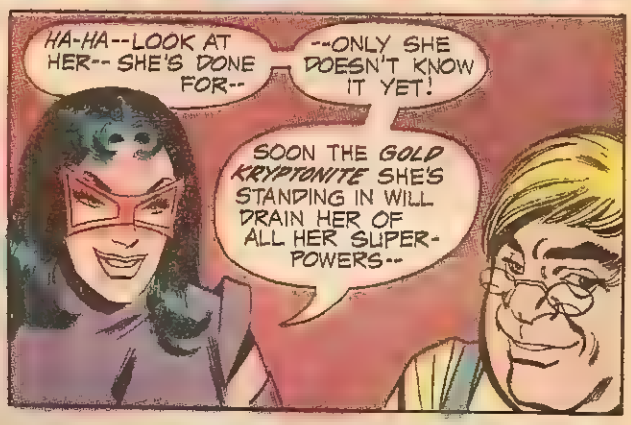
COMING SOON

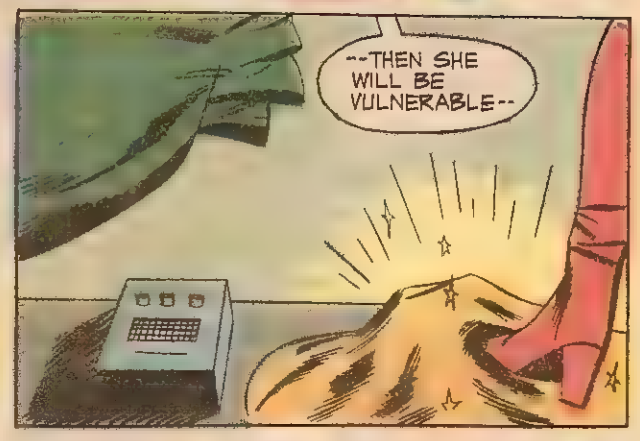
THE MAID OF MIGHT, STILL SOMEWHAT WEAKENED FROM HER KRYPTONITE ORDEAL, FALTERS MOMENTARILY...
L.FINN! DID YOU THINK I GOT YOU OUT OF THE PHANTOM ZONE PRISON FOR NOTHING?
USE YOUR POWERS!
...BUT IT IS ENOUGH TIME FOR L.FINN TO GO INTO ACTION...
BRAC--MORN--CHUHILAIN--
THE WORDS RING OUT AS SUPERGIRL ZOOMS BACK INTO ACTION...
MONDO--DONDO--ZAM!
--ONLY TO BE SLAMMED BACKWARD--AS THOUGH SHE HAD RUN INTO A SOLID WALL OF KRYPTONITE--ONLY THIS TIME HER NEMESIS IS--
MAGIC! L.FINN--ELFIN! A LEPRECHAUN!

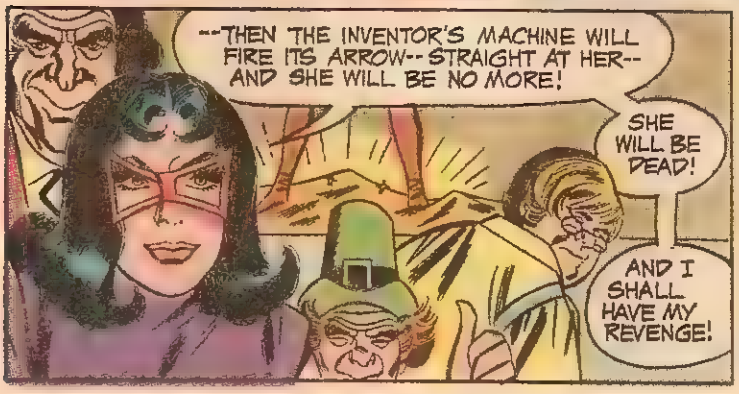
--VAINLY SHE STRUGGLES AS L.FINN HOLDS HER POWERLESS WITH HIS MAGIC INCANTATION...
HURRY! I CAN'T HOLD HER MUCH LONGER!
I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MOMENT, L.FINN!
I HAVE JUST WHAT SHE NEEDS RIGHT HERE!
A MOMENT LATER, A SHOWER OF GOLDEN FLAKES POUR OVER THE MAID OF STEEL, AND...
SUPERGIRL SLUMPS BACK INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS-- AS THE POWERFUL ELEMENT ROBS HER OF HER SENSES...
HA-HA! GOLD KRYPTONITE! SOON YOUR SUPER-POWERS WILL DISAPPEAR UNDER ITS INFLUENCE--
THEN YOU CAN DIE LIKE ANY MORTAL!

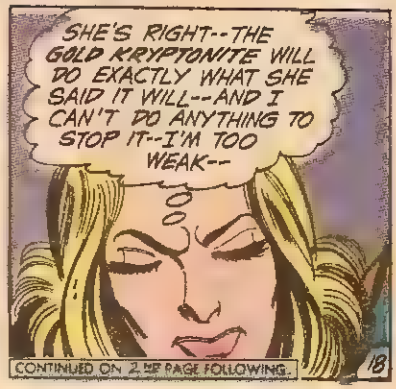

SOME TIME LATER, CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS TO THE MAID OF MIGHT, AND SHE FINDS--


WEAK--SO WEAK I CAN HARDLY HOLD MY HEAD UP--


HA-HA--LOOK AT HER-- SHE'S DONE FOR--
--ONLY SHE DOESN'T KNOW IT YET!
SOON THE GOLD KRYPTONITE SHE'S STANDING IN WILL DRAIN HER OF ALL HER SUPER-POWERS--


--THEN SHE WILL BE VULNERABLE--


--THEN THE INVENTOR'S MACHINE WILL FIRE ITS ARROW-- STRAIGHT AT HER-- AND SHE WILL BE NO MORE!
SHE WILL BE DEAD!
AND I SHALL HAVE MY REVENGE!


SHE'S RIGHT--THE GOLD KRYPTONITE WILL DO EXACTLY WHAT SHE SAID IT WILL--AND I CAN'T DO ANYTHING TO STOP IT--I'M TOO WEAK--
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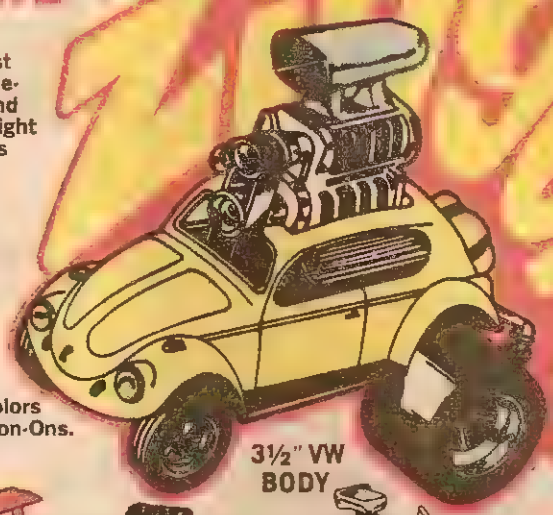

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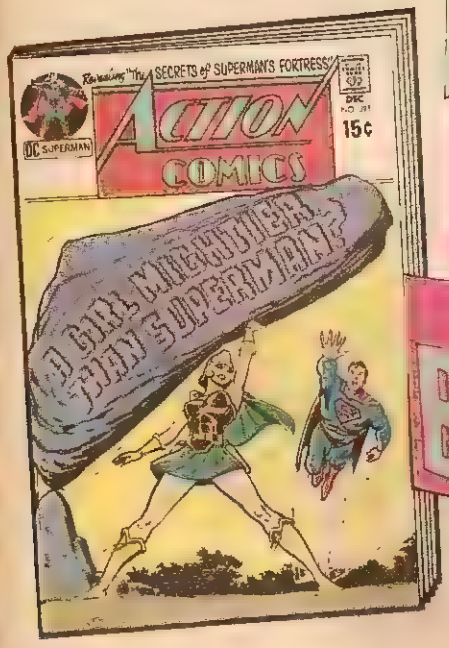

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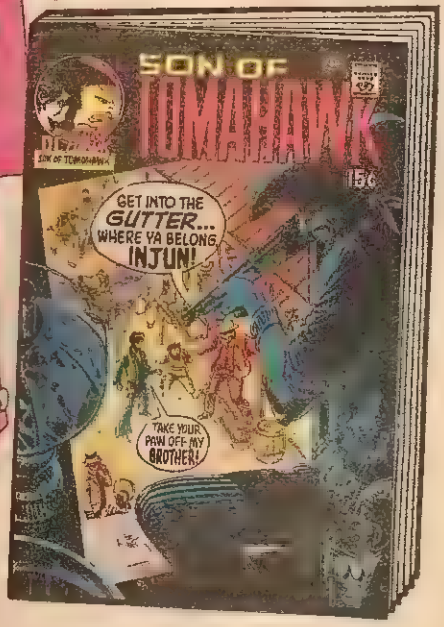

ON SALE
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CAN'T-- WON'T GO-- OUT-- WITHOUT A FIGHT--
GOT TO TRY--
TO BREAK THESE ROPES--
AS SHE VAINLY STRUGGLES AGAINST THE BONDS, THE MAID OF MIGHT TOUCHES THE TOYMASTER'S CONTROL BOX WITH HER FOOT...
WH-- SOMETHING ALIVE IN THAT SACK--
AS HER FOOT CONTINUES TO REST ON THE BOX-- THE SACK OPENS, AND--
TOYS-- MARCHING OUT--
--COMING TOWARD ME--
THIS BOX IS HOW THE TOYMASTER CONTROLS HIS TOYS--
THEY'RE-- LINING UP IN FRONT OF ME-- AS IF WAITING FOR ORDERS!
WISH I KNEW HOW TO CONTROL THEM--
MAYBE THEY COULD FREE ME--
FREE ME--
FREE ME!
SLOWLY SUPERGIRL'S HEAD COMES UP AS SHE STARES IN AMAZEMENT...
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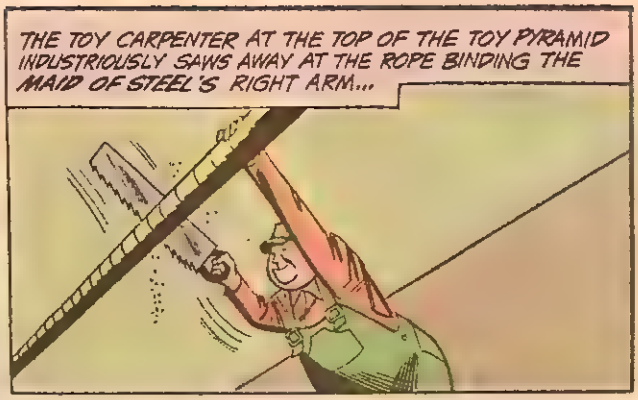

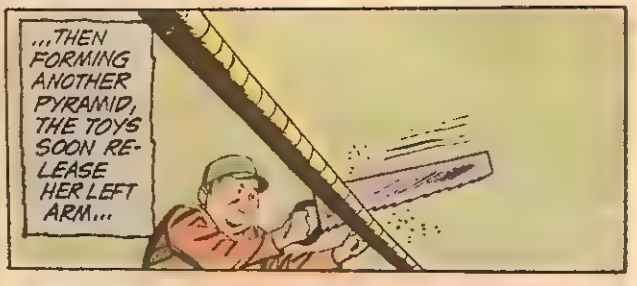

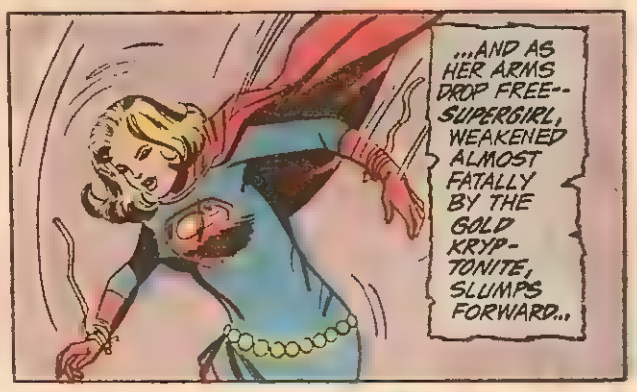

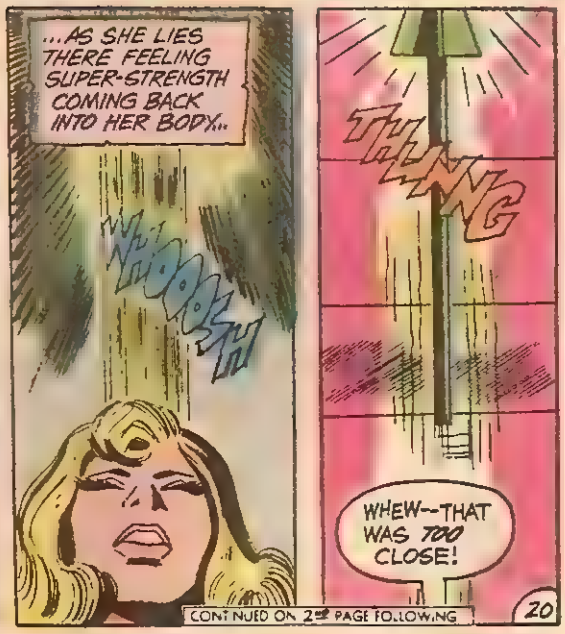

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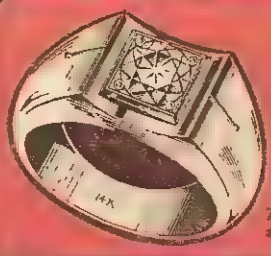

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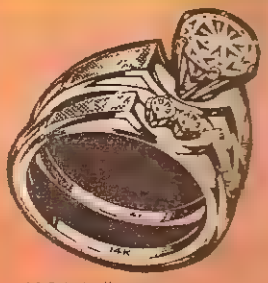

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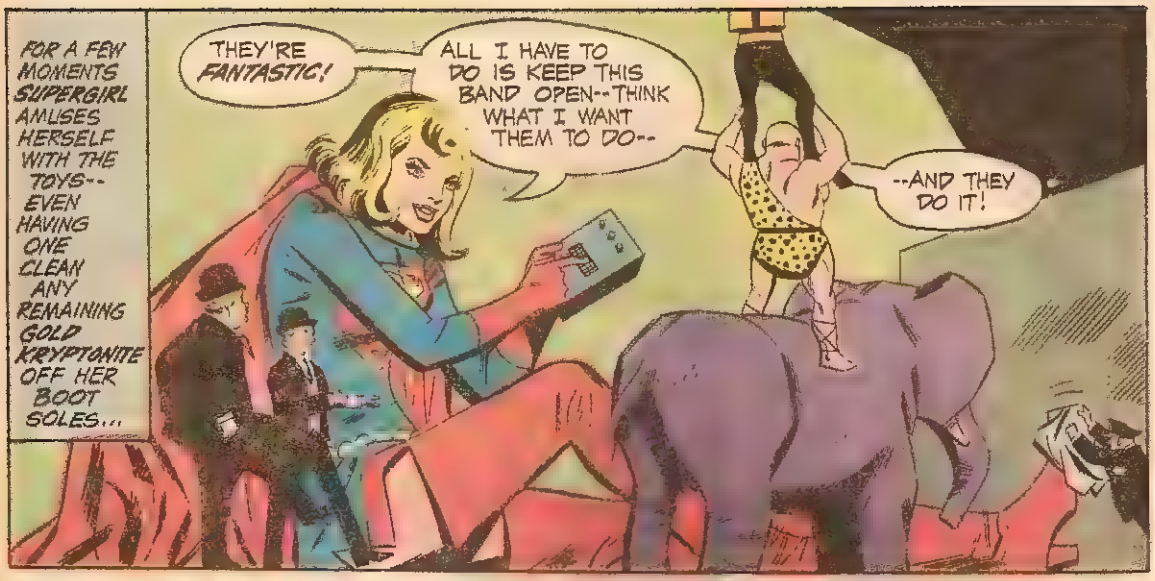
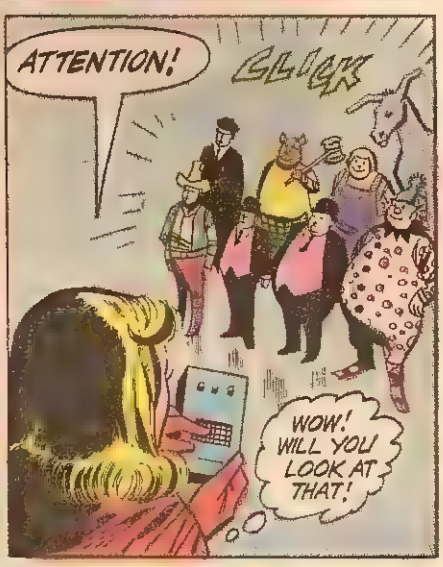
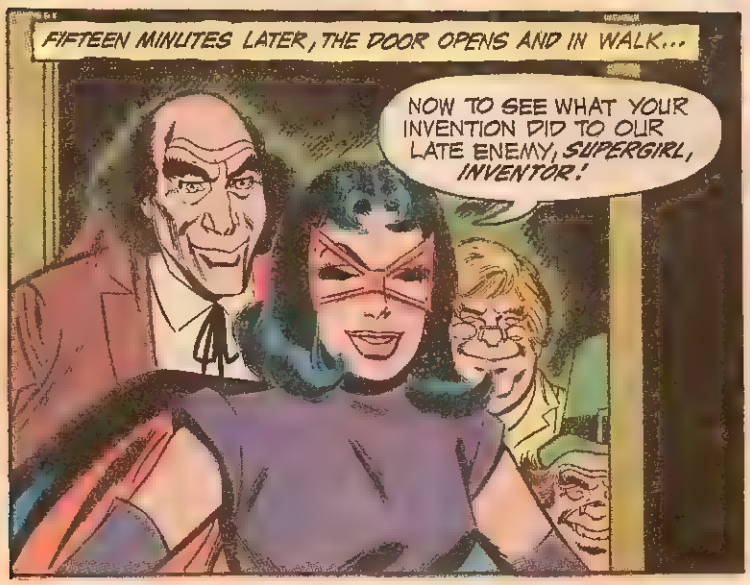

FOR A FEW MOMENTS SUPERGIRL AMUSES HERSELF WITH THE TOYS-- EVEN HAVING ONE CLEAN ANY REMAINING GOLD KRYPTONITE OFF HER BOOT SOLES...
THEY'RE FANTASTIC!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS KEEP THIS BAND OPEN--THINK WHAT I WANT THEM TO DO--
--AND THEY DO IT!

SAY--I WONDER IF IT WOULD WORK--

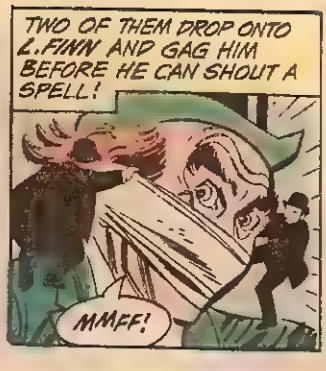
I'LL TRY IT!
TROOPS--

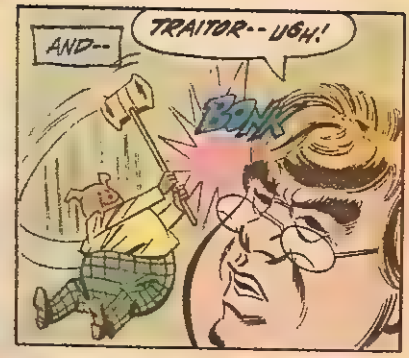

ATTENTION!
CLICK
WOW! WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT!


FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER, THE DOOR OPENS AND IN WALK...
NOW TO SEE WHAT YOUR INVENTION DID TO OUR LATE ENEMY, SUPERGIRL, INVENTOR!

BOY, ARE YOU IN FOR A SURPRISE!

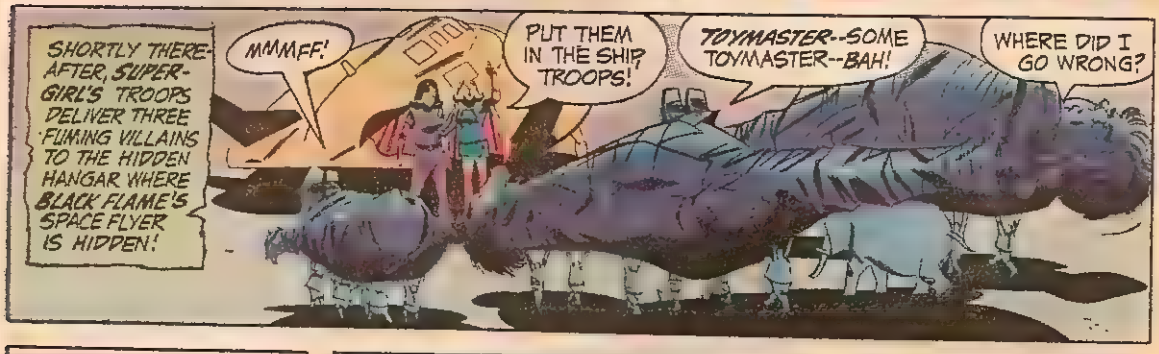
THE FOUR VILLAINS WALK INTO THE ROOM--TOYS DROP FROM ABOVE THEM--
SHE'S GONE!
HOW--?


TWO OF THEM DROP ONTO L.FINN AND GAG HIM BEFORE HE CAN SHOUT A SPELL!
MMFF!


AND--
TRAITOR--UGH!
BONK

EEEAAA!

THIS ONE I'LL TAKE CARE OF MYSELF!
EEEE!


SHORTLY THEREAFTER, SUPERGIRL'S TROOPS DELIVER THREE FUMING VILLAINS TO THE HIDDEN HANGAR WHERE BLACK FLAME'S SPACE FLYER IS HIDDEN!
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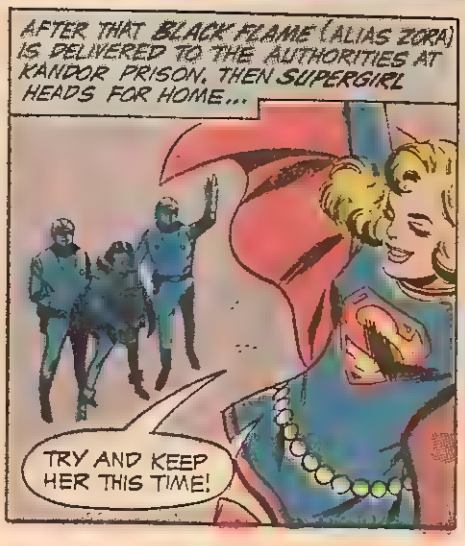
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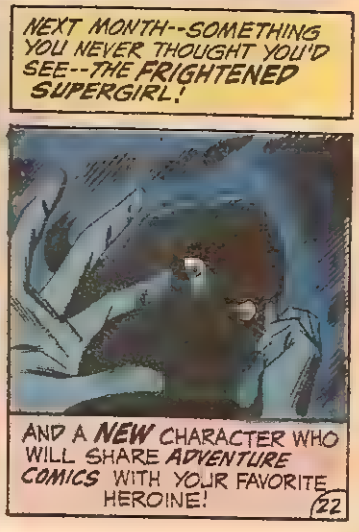
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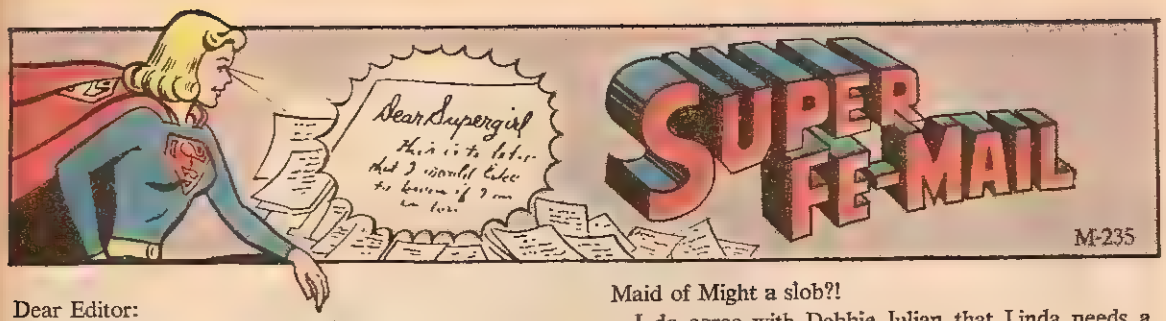

Dear Editor:

Both the stories in ADVENTURE #396 were good enough to be cover-featured, but I'm glad you chose "The Mystery of the Super-Orphan" for that spot because it sure made an intriguing cover! As for the actual story, I was in the dark about the "mystery" until Supergirl found the old robots. When she could not overpower them, I was sure she was a robot, also.

"I Am A Witch" got an eerie assist from the black magic theme which ran through the story. It's too bad the Maid of Might caught Ameswell before they had a real chance to duel it out, magic versus super-powers.

By the way, I'm glad to see Mike Sekowsky will be taking over the editorial duties for ADVENTURE, but I hope this doesn't mean Kurt Schaffenberger will stop drawing the Girl of Steel's Super-adventures. Oh, yes, one more thing—only four more issues to go until ADVENTURE COMICS celebrates its 400th issue and 35th anniversary. Congratulations!

Gregory Kent, Goleta, Calif.

(And your letter appears in that very 400th issue! To celebrate the occasion, we've finally given in to the demands of you readers and brought back Black Flame, the gal you love to hate.—Ed.)

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Dear Mr. Sekowsky:

I tried to write a serious letter to the editor of ADVENTURE several months ago, but it wasn't published—I suppose because of the traditional style of Superman Family letter columns. That meant short letters, with corny replies. A serious reader never stood a chance!

If this policy has truly been suspended, I will go on to the points I'd like to make:

1. Feature more guest stars with Supergirl—especially Batgirl—in full-length adventures.
2. Use Win Mortimer for all the stories. He seems to be more realistic than Schaffenberger in drawing Supergirl.
3. Have Linda graduate college and set up an apartment and a career. (I think a social worker would be good.)

Supergirl is a good character, but her development was held up by the Superman tradition. You are superb in your handling of Wonder Woman, so let's see what you can do for Supergirl.

Jeff Haskins, Fairview, N.J.

(We're open to any suggestions on how to improve this mag—and we'll give yours full consideration, as well as those of the next writer.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

I enjoyed "I Am A Witch," but "Mystery of the Super-Orphan" was a super-disappointment. The ending was only too easy to guess.

I wish that Kurt S. would do both stories in ADVENTURE. He's twice the artist Mortimer is! The expression on Supergirl's face in the splash page of "Witch" should be framed! But what in the world was Linda doing wearing her boots in bed? Horrors—the Maid of Might a slob?!

I do agree with Debbie Julian that Linda needs a new, more attractive hairdo. Say, why didn't anyone ever notice Linda's hair doesn't grow? Come to think of it, Supergirl needs a secret identity like she needs a Kryptonite locket. All that bother trying to keep it secret, and all that time spent posing as Linda that could be spent doing good deeds. For shame!

Why don't you get on the ball and give Linda groovie "mod" clothes, like bell-bottoms, fringed vests, love beads, Nehru collars, American Indian-style outfits, etc.? She'd look smashing in any of them! But if she ever wears a midi-skirt, I'll quit reading ADVENTURE!

Also, how about transferring Dick Malverne to Stanhope? (Give him a different hairstyle, please.) I'd like to see Linda dated by a lot of groovie guys, but with Dick as her favorite. How about some all-Linda tales, minus Supergirl?

How about guesting Black Canary with the Stanhope Sensation? You could throw in Wonder Woman for a bonus. (And how about Mera, Wonder Girl, Batgirl, Hawkgirl and Aquagirl?) I'm tired of male team-ups. What about teaming the gals?

Since Supergirl's college age and Robin is, too, how about bringing them together? What a groovie marriage that would be! At least consider him as a boyfriend. And don't forget Speedy, Aqualad and Kid Flash. And Wonder Girl and Supergirl should become best pals.

I know these are lots of suggestions, but ask the readers what they think. Supergirl forever!

Selina Zane, Phoenixville, Pa.

(A lot of suggestions? Right on! If we'd published all you sent us, there'd have been no room for any other letters. But weren't you a bit inconsistent? First you ask why Supergirl needs a secret identity—then you ask for straight Linda stories. But that's the real answer—Supergirl needs to get away from the superheroine business now and then, for some fun as "plain" Linda.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

When Supergirl was still Superman's secret emergency weapon, I was one of the millions of readers who couldn't wait until she was revealed to the world. When she finally was, I was both happy and disappointed: happy because my demand had been met, but disappointed because some of the mystery was gone from her life.

When she wasn't allowed to show herself, she had to accomplish her missions mostly with her wits. This was a very intriguing premise, and I was a little sorry to see it end. I'm sure there must be other readers who feel as I do. How about a few "untold" stories of Supergirl when she was still orphan Linda Lee?

Connie Wagner, Harrison, N.J.

(It's an interesting idea, Connie. We'll think about it. And now we'll sign off with the reminder that the address for all your super-comments is SUPER FE-MAIL, National Periodical Publications, 909 Third Ave., New York, N.Y. 10022.—Ed.)

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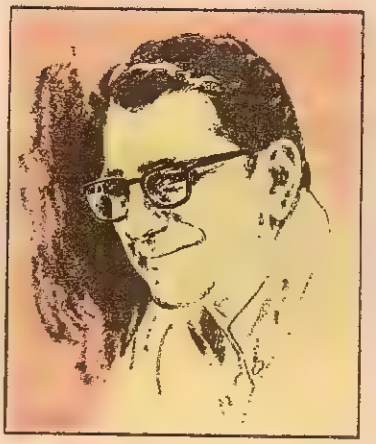
DC TAKES TOP HONORS AT COMIC ART CONVENTION!

July 3, 4, 5, 1970 — At the Comic Art Convention, held annually in New York City, four of DC's own came away with the highest honors.

CARMINE INFANTINO was foremost among those honored by Phil Seuling, chairman and organizer of the Convention. DC's editorial director was presented with a plaque inscribed: "To Carmine Infantino, who exemplifies the spirit of innovation and inventiveness in the field of comic art." Carmine is no stranger to awards. He was once named Best Comic Book Artist by The National Cartoonists' Society, and has won several Alley Awards.



JOE KUBERT, editor of such mags as OUR ARMY AT WAR and TOMAHAWK, also received a plaque. The inscription reads: "To Joe Kubert, for the cinematic story-telling techniques and the exciting and dramatic style he has brought to the field of comic art." Joe has been drawing comics since he was 16, and produces some of the finest work in the field.

DICK GIORDANO was named Best Comic Editor by the fans this year. The Alley Awards are voted on annually by comics fans, and are presented by The Society of Comic Book Fans and Collectors. A top artist, Dick edits AQUAMAN, TEEN TITANS, HOUSE OF SECRETS, WITCHING HOUR, and several other great DC mags.

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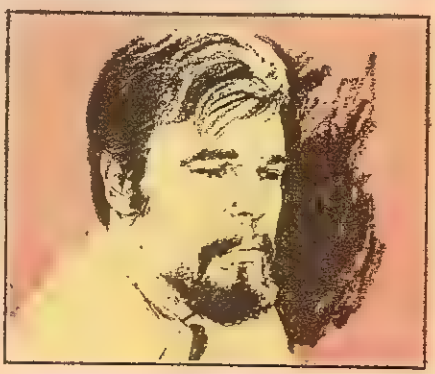

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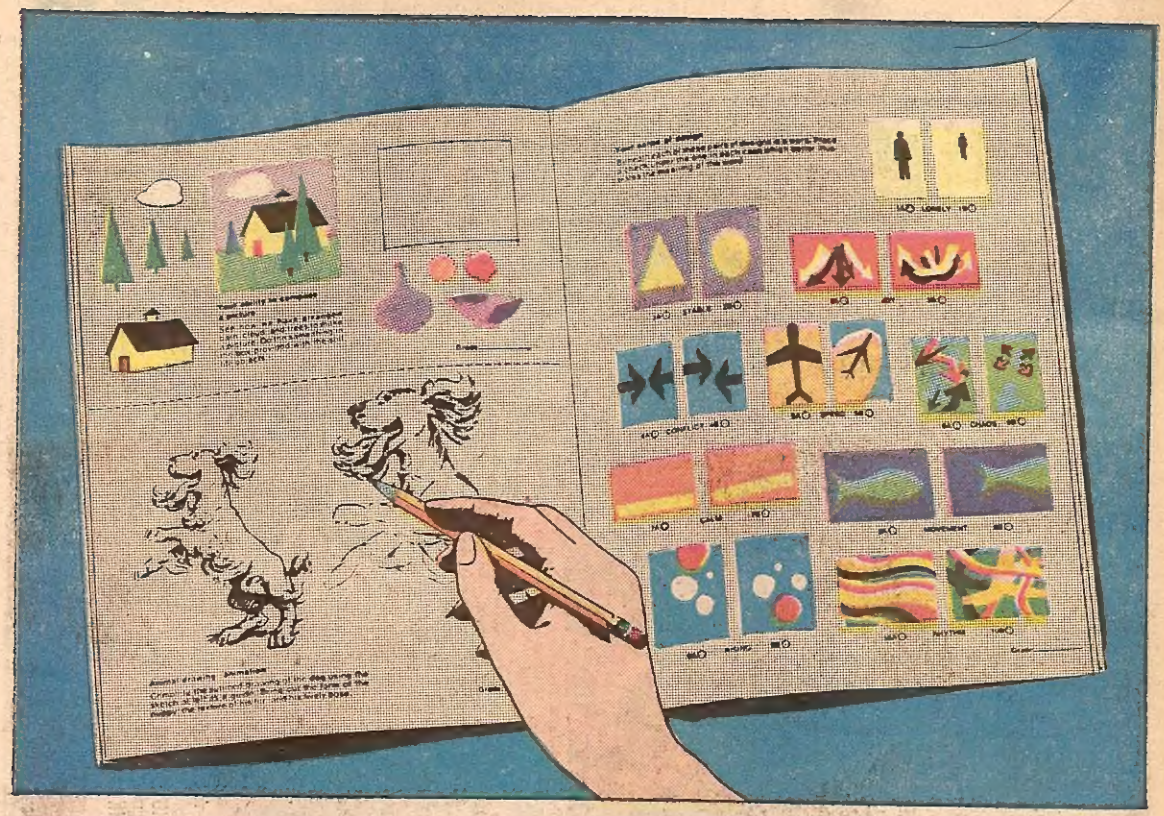

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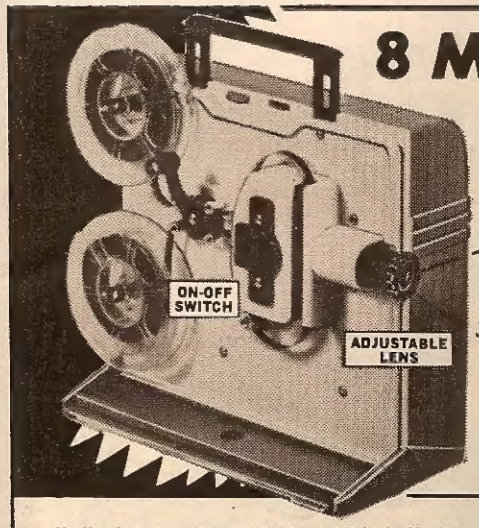

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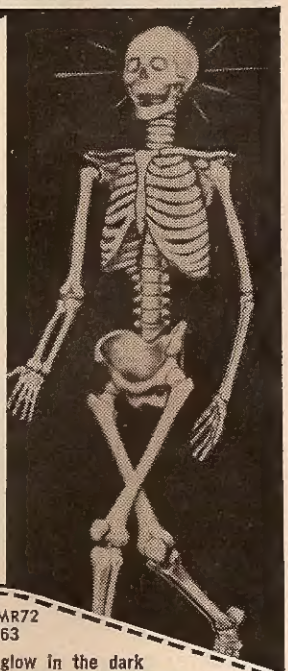

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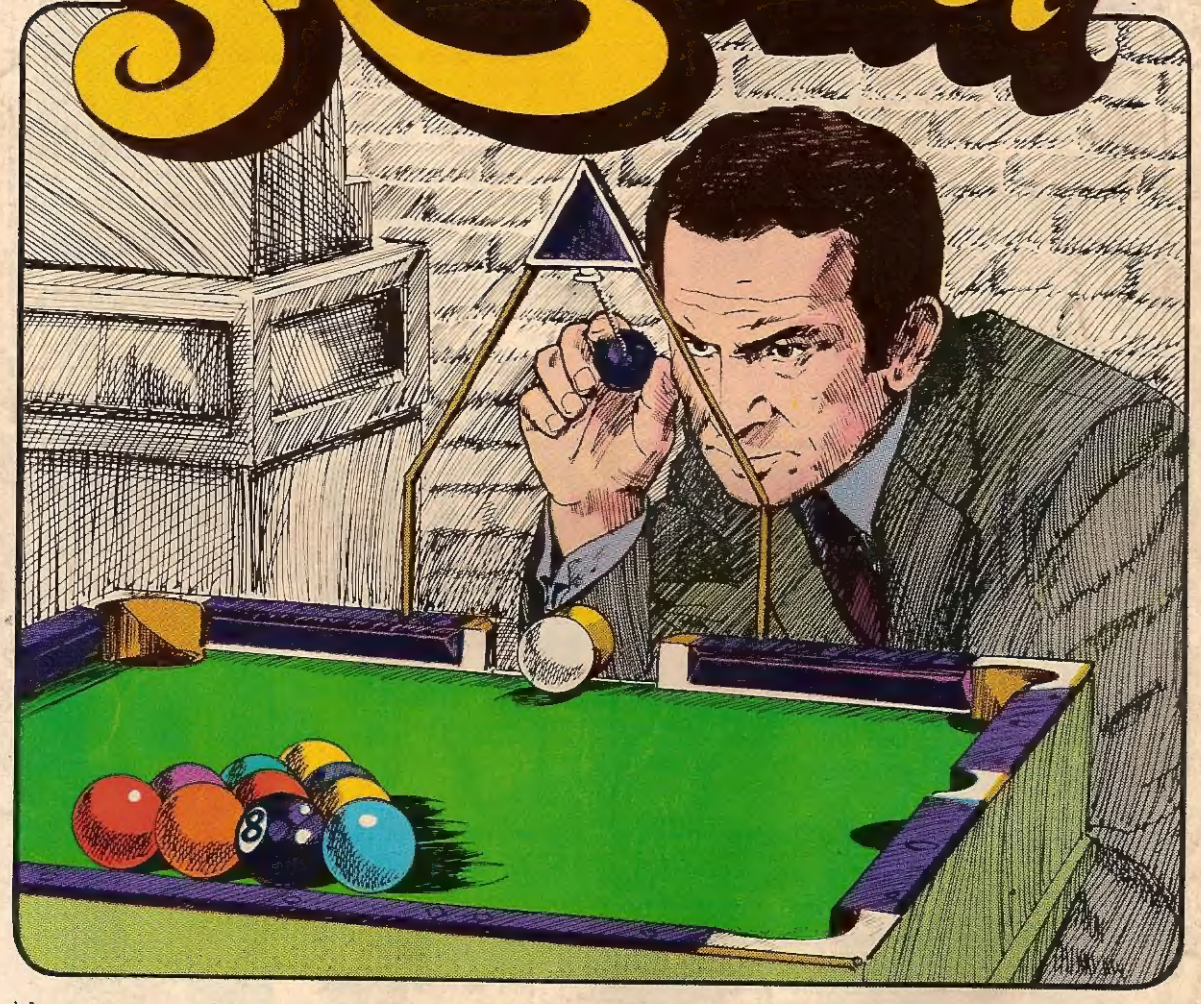

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